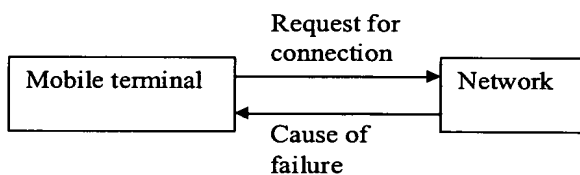


REMARKS

This is a response to the Office Action of June 27, 2005 in which claims 1-5 and 7-12 were rejected.

The examiner considered independent claims 1, 7, 8, 11 and 12 to be disclosed by the "admitted prior art" on page 2, lines 13-22 of the description, the indicated passage relating to 3GPP TS 24.008 V 6.1.0. Applicant does not agree with this conclusion.

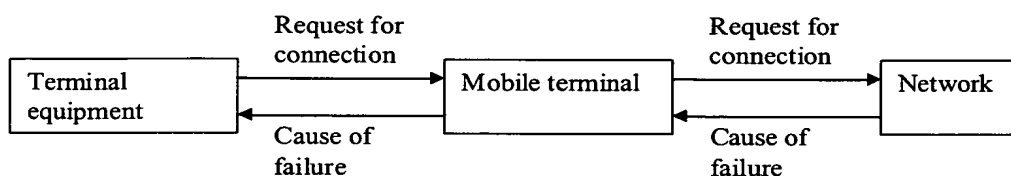
In the indicated passage of the description, it was mentioned to be known from TS 24.008 that a mobile terminal may be informed by a mobile communication network about a failure cause when a request for an establishment of a connection is rejected. The disclosed situation is thus as follows:



Concerning TS 24.008, it is explicitly indicated in the description of the application (page 2, lines 26-32) that there is **no mechanism** to inform as well terminal equipment trying to access a mobile communication network via a mobile terminal. This is a disadvantage, since users using their terminal equipment (e.g. a laptop) to access a network via their mobile terminal (e.g. a mobile phone) look usually only at their terminal equipment and not in parallel at their mobile terminal.

The method of claim 1, in contrast, it is provided specifically for the case that a data exchange between terminal equipment and a mobile communication network is supported via a mobile terminal. The mobile terminal forwards a request

from the terminal equipment to establish a connection to the mobile communication network. In case of a failure, an indication of a cause of the failure may be received by the mobile terminal from the network, as known from TS 24.008. In addition, however, the mobile terminal forwards the indication to the terminal equipment. The situation according to claim 1 is thus as follows:



It is thus an advantage that information on the cause of a failure is available as well at the terminal equipment.

Therefore, the solution of providing that a mobile terminal forwards a received failure cause concerning a requested connection to terminal equipment requesting the connection is neither disclosed nor hinted at in TS 24.008.

Independent claims 7, 8, 11 and 12 relate equally to the aspect that a terminal receives a failure cause from a network via a mobile terminal. Thus, the same comments apply as for claim 1.

Applicant should also not fail to mention that the 35 U.S.C. §102(b) ground of this rejection is incorrect since the technical specification relied on by the Examiner does not meet the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §102(b).

For all of the foregoing reasons, withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §102(b) rejection of claims 1, 4, 7-9, 11-12 is requested.

Regarding the obviousness rejection of claims 2-3 based on the admitted prior art in view of Honda et al. (U.S. 2004/0072580), the same comments made

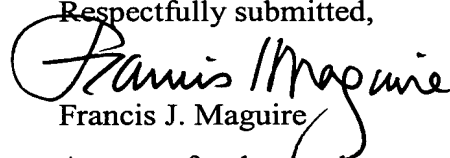
above in connection with the "admitted prior art" apply here as well and since the foundation for the obviousness rejection has been shown to be inapplicable, the obviousness rejections of claims 2-3 is also inapplicable and withdrawal thereof is requested.

Regarding the obviousness rejection of claims 5 and 10 as being unpatentably obvious over the admitted prior art in view of Timm et al., (U.S. 5,890,061), the "admitted prior art" has been shown to be inapplicable as a 35 U.S.C. §102 reference and the foundation for the obviousness rejection of claims 5 and 10 is also inapplicable and withdrawal thereof is requested.

The indication of allowable subject matter in claim 6 is noted but it is believed that in view of the above, the Examiner will be persuaded that all of the claims are patentable and will withdraw the novelty and obviousness rejections thereof.

The objections and rejections of the Office Action of June 27, 2005, having been obviated by amendment or shown to be inapplicable, withdrawal thereof is requested and passage of claims 1-12 to issue is solicited.

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